

REMARKS

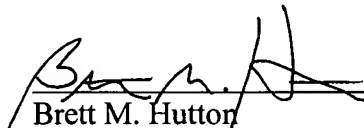
In the Office action, the Examiner requests a copy of the first and second declarations of Richard Wisniewski. Accordingly, a copy of each declaration is submitted herewith.

The Examiner also indicated that he believed that the second declaration may be superceded by a third declaration which applicants and/or counsel may be preparing in an attempt to explain why no inquiry was made at Genentech as to the dimensions of the prior art Genentech device disclosed in the 1992 Wisniewski and Wu article. However, Applicants respectfully submit that a third declaration will not be filed because such a request to contact Genentech for information about a competitive system is unnecessary and goes beyond the duty owed to the Patent Office by an inventor or their representatives. Applicants respectfully assert that they have disclosed as much information as they can remember concerning the prior art, especially the Genentech device, and, therefore, submit that they have more than satisfied their duty of candor under Rule 56.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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